

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
MARCH 27, 2012**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner Darla Blazey, City Attorney William Shaneyfelt, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. City Engineer Chad Hurm was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 13, 2012. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFORMATION TEAM CONTRACT

Mayor Seitz presented a contract between the City of Jasper and Transformation Team Inc for \$1,724 regarding the possible restructuring of the current building commissioner position into a newly defined role of Director of Community Development and Planning. One-half of the cost will come out of the Mayor's budget and the other half out of the building commissioner's budget.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the contract with Transformation Team Inc for \$1,724. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSURE

At the last meeting Leah Jesse, principal at 5th Street Elementary School, asked permission to close 5th Street between St. John Street and Scott Rolen Drive on Friday, April 13, 2012 from 3:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in order to host a health fair. The matter was tabled because there was concern about the homeowners in that area having access to their driveways.

Sherry Fleck, representing 5th Street School, said they went door-to-door to inform the neighbors of the event.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the request of 5th Street Elementary School to close 5th Street between Scott Rolen Drive and St. John Street on April 13, 2012 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Randy Petry, president of the Dubois County Veterans Council, said they want to hold a Memorial Day service on the west side of the Square on Saturday May 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. He asked permission to use the City Hall parking lot for the firing squads to assemble at 10:15 a.m., close the Square during the service, and have the park department bring four sets of bleachers for the event.

Mayor Seitz said last year it was decided to leave south Main Street to east 6th Street open to traffic. He asked Petry to contact the park department about the use of bleachers.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to close off three-fourths of the Square on May 26, 2012 from 10:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ANDERSON WOODS FUNDRAISER

Bridgette Jarboe, representing Anderson Woods, asked permission to use the barn, gazebo area, and shelter houses on September 22, 2012 for their annual food and wine tasting fundraising event scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to give Anderson Woods permission to utilize the barn and plaza area on September 22, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. subject to the necessary insurance being in place including liquor liability. Motion carried 3-0.

REMOVE ASSETS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang presented a list of equipment that is no longer useable and asked permission to remove the items from the asset list. The list included a light bar, asset # 101887, and five Motorola radios, asset #'s 100156, 100157, 101472, 100443, and 101645. At the last meeting the City Engineer asked if he would be able to use the radios for walkies. Hochgesang said the radios are not able to be narrow banded therefore the city engineer cannot use them.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to remove the six items from the asset list. Motion carried 3-0.

CHANGE STATUS OF FIREFIGHTERS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said volunteer firefighters Ryan Wagner, Zachary Leinenbach, and Timothy Gudorf were hired on April 4, 2011 and the one-year probationary period has been completed. He asked to change their status from probationary firefighter to regular firefighter effective April 4, 2012.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Mayor Seitz to change the status of Ryan Wagner, Zachary Leinenbach, and Timothy Gudorf from probationary firefighter to regular firefighter. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE REPORTS

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett presented the Jasper Police Department February 2012 activity report for the board to review. Bennett reported that he attended training at the academy last week.

VEHICLE QUOTES

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett said he sought sealed quotes for two new police vehicles less the trade in of one 2005 Chev Impala. He also said Ruxer Ford declined to submit a quote. City Attorney William Shaneyfelt opened the following quotes:

Washington Chrysler Center Inc
\$49360.50 [2] 2012 Dodge Charger Pursuit
-3625.00 [1] trade in
45735.50 net price

Uebelhor and Sons Inc
\$53116.00 [2] 2012 Chev Caprice
-4250.00 [1] trade in
\$48866.00 net price

Uebelhor and Sons
\$57574.00 [2] 2011 Chev Caprice
-4250.00 [1] trade in
\$53324.00 net price

Sternberg Dodge
\$49968.00 [2] 2012 Dodge Police Chargers
-2500.00 [1] trade in
\$47468.00 net price

Take quotes under advisement.

BODY ARMOR VESTS

Assistant Police Chief Nathan Schmitt asked permission to seek quotes for eight body armor vests. Vests need to be replaced every five years. He also

asked permission to seek a grant from the Department of Justice that would pay fifty per cent of the cost of a vest which is approximately \$650 each.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to give permission to seek quotes and a grant for replacing expired bulletproof vests. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water levels. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle gave an update on the Patoka Lake and River levels. At this time it is seven feet above winter pool. We hope it continues to go down.

Grass in curbs and sidewalk. Eckerle expressed concern about the grass that grows in the curbs and sidewalks. According to code each property owner is to maintain that area. Some people think the street department will do it. The street department cleans up the main thoroughfares before the Strassenfest because they take pride in the community.

Litter. Eckerle expressed concern about the amount of litter in the City. He showed pictures of litter that was thrown out on the street near some curbs and gutters. Why can't people take it with them and dispose of it in a container. The street department feels responsible to keep Jasper clean and their policy is if it is safe to stop, then pick up the litter. There are good people who help but there are more violators.

US 231. A letter was sent to INDOT that US 231 through Jasper needs to be fixed particularly from 12th Avenue to Schuetter Road.

Street inspection. Eckerle said tomorrow they will be inspecting all the streets in Jasper.

Resource Recovery Site. Eckerle gave an update on the resource recovery site. He showed a layout of the area that includes a staging area, individual areas designated to place piles of fill dirt, asphalt grindings, concrete, leaves, etc. and roads to access those areas.

STREET CLOSURE

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission to close Main Street from 11th to 12th Street for about a week to repair a storm sewer that is located in the center of the street. Signage will need to be placed at 9th and Main Streets.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to close Main Street between 11th and 12th Streets for storm sewer repairs as seen fit by the street department. Motion carried 3-0.

ARBOR PLACE PERFORMANCE BOND

City Attorney William Shaneyfelt said the performance bond for the Arbor Place subdivision expires March 31, 2012 and the letter of credit expires April 5,

2012. The developers are requesting a one year extension for the performance bond. They are in the process of securing a letter of credit from German American Bank.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the extension of the performance bond for Arbor Place to March 31, 2013 contingent upon it being backed by an acceptable letter of credit. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 10th day of April, 2012.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer